

Pradesh has also urged the Union Government to clear various schemes relating to Krishna District which are pending with the Union Government;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government have cleared them; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected from the State Government and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Hearing Deficiency Due to Pollution

5564. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether growing noise pollution in both the urban and rural areas in an important cause of increasing hearing deficiency in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the precautionary/preventive measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) and (b) Community based data regarding noise-induced hearing deficiency in India is not available. However, certain studies conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research in industries have reported noise-induced hearing deficiency.

(c) In addition to the overall pollution control strategies, noise attenuators such as ear plugs and ear muffs have been found effective as protection devices.

[Translation]

Research Centre set up by United Service Institution

5565. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a research centre has been set-up or proposed to be set-up by the United Service Institution to promote research and to hold discussion on defence issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the total number of benches of the centre proposed to be set-up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) United Service

Institution Centre for Research (USICR) was set up in 1995.

(b) The aims and objectives of United Service Institution Centre for Research are to conduct independent specialised research and study into policy problems and provide options relating to National Security issues and matters concerning the Defence Forces in an objective and non partisan manner taking into account the economic, social, political and technological factors as obtaining in India.

(c) The USICR at present awards three fellowships annually.

Codification of Laws

5566. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal to codify various laws relating to land in the country is under the consideration of the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) There is no such proposal to codify various laws relating to land under consideration of the Government of India.

Proposal for CGWB

5567. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to make the Central Ground Water Board an autonomous institution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the stand of the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) In pursuance of an order of the Supreme Court, the Government have constituted the Central Ground Water Board as an Authority under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for regulation and control of ground water management and development.

Konar Canal Irrigation Project

5568. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the initial projected cost of the ambitious Konar Canal Irrigation Project (1978) of North Chhotanagpur in Bihar and the revised cost thereof at present;

(b) whether the construction work of the said canal is not being undertaken at present;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to complete the Konar Canal Irrigation Project at the earliest; and

(e) if so, the time limit fixed for it ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The initial estimated cost of the project in 1971 was Rs. 11.43 crores. The revised cost as in 1988 was Rs. 187.67 crores.

(b) to (e) An amount of Rs. 77.90 crores has been spent upto March, 1994 without creating any irrigation potential so far. As the State Government has not complied with the observations of all the Central appraising agencies, the project has not been given investment clearance by the Planning Commission. The completion of the project will depend upon the priority attached to it by the State Government.

[English]

Posts Lying Vacant

5569. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a good number of vacancies in group 'D' post in the reserved categories of Scheduled Castes

and Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes have been lying vacant in All India Institute of Medical Sciences since long;

(b) if so, the details of all such vacancies which are to be filled up through direct recruitment; and

(c) the action taken by the concerned authority to fill up the same ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) to (c) There are about 119 posts reserved for SC/ST and OBC in Group 'D' lying vacant in the institute. Out of these, 84 posts are of Sanitary Attendant Gr. II and Hospital Attendant Gr. III. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences has informed that action is under process to fill up the posts as per the prescribed procedure.

Irrigated Area

5570. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the details of irrigated area of land in the country during each of the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Plan period alongwith the target fixed for Ninth Plan State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : Land Use Statistics are brought out by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation. These statistics show only yearwise figures of irrigated areas through various sources. However, details of potential created for irrigation through major & Medium and Minor Irrigation projects during Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans are given in attached statement.

The targets for Ninth Five Year Plan have not been finalised by the Planning Commission.

Statement

Statewise Irrigation potential created during Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans

		(In thousand Hectares)			
		V	VI	VII	VII
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	543.00	666.0	545.00	487.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	*	15.0	17.0
3.	Assam	47.0	112.0	192.0	28.0
4.	Bihar	862.0	1182.0	1203.0	1025.0
5.	Goa	—	45.3	14.9	6.0